

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Khalaf et al. Art Unit : 1654  
Serial No. : 10/500,093 Examiner : Julie Ha  
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Title : DNA MINOR GROOVE BINDING COMPOUNDS

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed June 13, 2007, applicant elects the invention of Group 2, with traverse. Applicants respectfully request that Groups 1-34 be considered together as the claims in these Groups include related structures. Applicant will submit an additional preliminary amendment that includes a generic structural claim that includes a core that is intended to represent a point of novelty over the prior art and a substantial portion of the claimed compounds.

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Respectfully submitted,

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